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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ANNOUNCES
THE ELECTION OF JUDGE FREDERICK P. HORN AS CHAIRPERSON
AND JUSTICE JUDITH D. MC CONNELL AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The Commission on Judicial Performance announces the election of Judge Frederick P. Horn as Chairperson of the Commission and Justice Judith D. McConnell, as Vice-Chairperson at its meeting on March 28, 2007.

Judge Frederick P. Horn has been a judge of the Orange County Superior Court since 1993 and was a judge of the Orange County Municipal Court, Harbor Judicial District, from 1991 to 1993. From 2002 to 2006, he served as presiding judge of the Orange County Superior Court. He received his law degree from the University of West Los Angeles in 1974, where he wrote for and served as staff on the Law Review. Judge Horn was the chair of the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee of the California Judicial Council from 2002 to 2006. He is also a member of the faculty of the Judicial College and the New Judge Orientation Program, and is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Continuing Judicial Studies Program. He was named Jurist of the Year by the California Judicial Council for 2004-2005.

Justice Judith D. McConnell has served as the Administrative Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District since 2003, and as Associate Justice from 2001 to 2003. From 1978 to 1980 she was a judge of the San Diego Municipal Court, and from 1980 to 2001 she was a judge of the San Diego Superior Court where she served two terms as presiding judge. Prior to her appointment to the bench she was in private law practice in San Diego. She also worked for the California Department of Transportation. Justice McConnell received her law degree from the University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law, in 1969. She served as a member and vice-chair of the Judicial Council Task Force on Jury System Improvement from 1998 to 2003, and as chair of the Task Force on Judicial Ethics Issues from 2003 to 2004. In 1999, she was the first recipient of the Benjamin Aranda III Access to Justice Award presented by the State Bar of California, and in 2000 was named Jurist of the Year by the California Judicial Council.

The Commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. Two of the public member positions are currently vacant.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the Commission's Web site at www.cjp.ca.gov.